

PUBLICATION ETHICS AND MALPRACTICE STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. About the reviewers

The reviewers will be expert on the subject of the evaluated manuscript. None of them will have relationship neither with the members of the Editorial Board nor the author of the evaluated manuscript. The author will always remain anonymous to them. If the reviewers would think they could know the possible identity of the author (because of the thematic, the style of the manuscript), they should notify it immediately to the Editorial Board, so a new reviewer will be looked for in order to keep the impartiality and the objectivity through the process of revision.

The referees should avoid personal criticism at the author. Any objection, suggestion or change should be referred to the content of the manuscript.

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If the Editorial Board and/or the reviewers find plagiarism in any manuscript, the manuscript will be rejected immediately and its author will be notified of the reasons for the refusal of the journal for its publication.

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